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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 Supplemental Appropriations Bill (H.R. 2642)

Last night, the Senate passed, 92 to 6, the FFY 2008 supplemental appropriations bill (H.R. 2642), sending the bill to the President who has indicated that he would sign it into law. H.R. 2642 includes language imposing a moratorium on the implementation of six pending Medicaid regulations until April 1, 2009, including regulations which would limit Medicaid payments to public hospitals, eliminate Medicaid reimbursement of Graduate Medical Education (GME) costs, restrict Medicaid funding for targeted case management services, and narrow the definition of rehabilitative services reimbursable by Medicaid. The moratorium also covers Medicaid provider tax and school-based services regulations that do not affect the County. The bill also includes supplemental funding for Iraq and Afghanistan operations, expanded veteran education benefits, disaster relief, foreign aid, and extended unemployment benefits for up to 13 weeks.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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